



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW 01-08

April 7, 2008

Needed Rain Falls

Days suitable for fieldwork was 5.0 in Maryland and 5.0 in Delaware. Rain during the week has replenished some of the soil moisture. Farmers are getting ready for spring planting by repairing equipment and purchasing seed. Some farmers are preparing the ground for the seed with fertilizer and lime. Hay supplies are short throughout Maryland and Delaware.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 6, 2008

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
<i>Percent</i>					<i>Percent</i>			
<u>Vegetables Planted</u>								
Green Peas	20	0	35	40	58	0	33	34
Potatoes	21	0	43	29	55	0	32	23
Sweet Corn	13	0	4	6	-	-	-	-
Tomatoes	9	0	3	6	-	-	-	-

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 6, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>						<i>Percent</i>				
Barley	0	0	9	48	43	0	1	5	68	26
Winter Wheat	0	0	8	54	38	0	1	4	69	26
Pasture	9	8	44	31	8	4	8	54	33	1

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING April 6, 2008

Condition by Percent	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last
	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Very Short	0	7	0	3	0	1	0	2
Short	6	21	32	37	5	19	20	25
Adequate	89	68	66	54	91	80	77	72
Surplus	5	4	2	6	4	0	3	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 6, 2008

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
		Since Jan 1					
	Total		Depart				Depart
	this		from				from
Weather Station	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.06	8.66	-1.59	75	30	50	1
Frederick	0.87	9.79	0.78	75	29	47	2
Frostburg	0.64	10.78	-0.41	69	26	44	1
Hagerstown	0.45	7.52	-1.40	77	31	48	0
Mechanicsville	1.19	7.94	-3.69	76	31	50	-2
Patuxent River	1.07	7.29	-2.95	76	33	53	2
Ocean City	1.60	8.39	-4.14	69	33	55	5
Salisbury	1.43	8.88	-3.18	74	25	54	4
Sharpsburg	0.63	7.83	-1.28	78	27	46	1
Stevensville	1.12	9.59	-1.10	74	36	50	-1
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.17	9.47	0.24	76	40	53	0
Delaware							
Dover	1.05	9.24	-1.72	73	35	52	2
Georgetown	1.09	8.88	-2.77	75	31	54	5
Wilmington	0.97	10.78	0.64	73	33	50	2

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.